



DECLARATION

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As the below-named inventors, we declare that:

Our residences, post office addresses, and citizenships are as stated below under our names.

We believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR STORING SEMI-STRUCTURED DATA IN A STRUCTURED MANNER," the specification of which was filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 1, 2001 and assigned U.S. Patent Application No. 09/921,010 (Attorney Docket No. 337298003US1); and that this application in part discloses and claims subject matter disclosed in our earlier-filed U.S. Application No. 09/517,131, entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR STORING SEMI-STRUCTURED DATA IN A STRUCTURED MANNER," filed on March 2, 2000; International Application No. PCT/US01/06755, entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR STORING SEMI-STRUCTURED DATA IN A STRUCTURED MANNER" filed on March 2, 2001; U.S. Patent Application No. 09/517,468 entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR GENERATING INFORMATION PAGES USING SEMI-STRUCTURED DATA STORED IN A STRUCTURED MANNER" filed on March 2, 2000; U.S. Patent Application No. 09/718,228 entitled "TECHNIQUES FOR ENCAPSULATING A QUERY DEFINITION" filed November 21, 2000; and U.S. Patent Application No. 09/921,446 entitled "NESTED CONDITIONAL RELATIONS (NCR) MODEL AND ALGEBRA" filed August 1, 2001.

We have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-entitled specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

We acknowledge our duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a), including

material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the filing date of this application.

We further declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that the making of willfully false statements and the like is punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and may jeopardize the validity of any patent issuing from this patent application.

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